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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 March 2007.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) 15-18 is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-3 and 10-14 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) 4-9 is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
6) Other: _____

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1) Applicant's election of Group I (claims 1-14) in the reply filed on 3/26/2007 is acknowledged. Because applicant did not distinctly and specifically point out the supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election has been treated as an election without traverse (MPEP § 818.03(a)).

Claims 15-18 are withdrawn from further consideration by the examiner.

2) The I.D.S filed 3/08/2005 and 11/20/2006 have been considered by the Examiner. However, the Japan and/or foreign document(s), if they have not been written in English, are considered to the extent that could be understood from the English Abstract and the drawings.

Form PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08 is (are) attached herein.

3) Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

4) The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

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(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

5) Claims 1-3,10-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over LEE (Korea, P1991-0008507).

LEE discloses a method of eliminating home-in noise of an optical disc drive without a home limit switch and using a variable step counter, as claimed in claim 1, comprising the step of driving a servomechanism at the position of the optical pickup and then reading a sub-code value of the optical disc to confirm a current position of the optical pickup (abstract), calculating a number of tracks from the current position of the optical pickup to a home position and converting the number of tracks into a step counter value to obtain a step counter value of the home position (abstract), and moving the optical pickup to the home position through an access operation, wherein the step counter value of the home position is an integer varying depending on the position of the optical pickup when power is applied (abstract), except to specifically show the step of resetting the variable step counter, to zero regardless of a position of the optical pickup, when power is applied to the optical disc drive. However, the step of

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resetting the variable step counter to zero regardless of a position of the optical pickup is old and widely used in the optical recording art, evidence disclosed in the applicant's specification, page 3, paragraphs [0012] to [0015]. Therefore, one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made would have been motivated to use the reset step in LEE's optical disc device for resetting the variable step counter to zero when power is applied to optical pick-up as claimed.

As to claim 2, the home position at 00:02:00 is inherent in every optical disc recording medium.

As to claim 3, it would have been obvious to keep the optical pick-up at current position in LEE's optical disc driver when power is applied to optical disc drive since by moving optical pick-up without loading, optical disc will create noise during

Claim 10 is rejected with the same reasons set forth in claim 1 above.

As to claims 11-14, the step of converting number of tracks into step counter value, reading sub-code for confirming the current position of the optical pick-up and the counter value of home position is an integer varying are old and widely used optical recording art.

6) Claims 4-9 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

7) The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Applicant is reminded that in amending in response to a rejection of claims (if the rejection involves with any applicable arts), the patentable novelty must be clearly shown in view of the state of the art disclosed by the references cited and the objection made. Applicant must also show how the amendments avoid such references and objections. See 37 CFR § 1.111(c).

Form PTO-892 is attached herein.

8) Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to TAN XUAN DINH whose telephone number is (571)272-7586. The examiner can normally be reached on MONDAY to FRIDAY from 9:00AM to 5:00PM.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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PRIMARY EXAMINER
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